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Gang Green loses steam

BY ALICE HOSSAIN
Staff Writer

Enthusiasm in promoting school spirit at sporting events is the No. 1 goal of Gang Green.

However, Missouri Southern's fan organization is facing a hard time, because members are gradually attending less sporting events.

That's why Gang Green called a crisis meeting for Nov. 3 at Pizza by Stout. More than 20 members showed up to try and find a way to reignite Southern fan spirit.

Adam Griffin, resident director, spoke to the members and encouraged them to attend more games. He said there are around 75-100 people in Gang Green. Emphasizing that sports and enthusiasm belong together, he came up with suggestions such as introducing a theme night, such as Hawaiian night or a funky hair night to try and rile more interest. He wanted Gang Green members to come up with their own ideas.

"Think of different ideas," Griffin said. "If you have any ideas, let us know. We want to do what you want to do."

Sarah Armstrong, sophomore radiology major, appreciated the idea of having extra party time to help get Gang Green more enthusiastic.

"In my opinion, the funky hair night is a great idea," Armstrong said.

Chaunté Thomas, freshman psychology major, also approved Griffin's suggestions, but came

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Jennifer Klempin, Ozark Technical College student, Erin Fritz, sophomore nursing major, Kristen Meschede, sophomore undecided major, and Amanda Stark, sophomore elementary education major, watch the last home football game Nov. 8 at Hughes Stadium against Emporia State. Read the recap story on Page 11.

León asks University departments to increase retention

BY MANDI STEELE
Managing Editor

With the drop in enrollment this semester, retention has been top on the list for the Administrative Council.

University President Julio León has discussed the importance of retention during the previous two Administrative Council meetings, and during the last one on Nov. 4, he asked the different departments what each is doing to improve retention.

Each department has its own way of trying to retain its students.

Dr. Brad Kleindl, dean of the school of business, said each department head in the school of business has ways of getting students involved with their major.

"The more the freshmen buy into the degree, the more likely they are to stay," Kleindl said.

Dr. Brad Kleindl
Dean of the School of Business

He said the school of business has a "portal" through Blackboard to contact students in the school of business and inform them of activities, give them job information and keep them in touch with faculty and alumni.

"If they stay with the program, there's going to be benefits at the end," Kleindl said.

He said the accounting department has an accounting club set up to get freshmen more involved. Dr. Jack Oakes, department head of computer information science, said CIS also has a club to help students get to know each other.

Courtney Goff, senior CIS major, is the publicity coordinator for the CIS Club. The club has area employers come and speak to the club during the meetings. Goff said it always helps when beginning a CIS college career to get an idea of what professionals in CIS actually do.

"We are going to try to reach out and recognize freshmen and sophomores more and more," Goff said.

Not only is the club trying to help with retention efforts, but it is also planning to involve high school students by planning a Local Area Network Party. Goff said this is a type of recruitment effort.

Another way the CIS department tries to improve retention is to send the midterm grades out to all the advisers, so advisers can contact any students who may need some help with their studies. Oakes said the department also makes an effort to contact any student who didn't

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Campus security undergoes internal face lift

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

As of Oct. 13, the safety and security department was no more.

Ken Kennedy, manager of the then safety and security department, wanted to make some changes in Missouri Southern's security. The changes were approved Oct. 13, and the new MSSU Department of Public Safety was created. Along with the new change, came other upgrades to the department.

"It reflects additional responsibilities," Kennedy said.

With the start of the revamped department, the duties and responsibilities of the officers were also changed. Now, officers have been given training in CPR and basic first aid.

Now, officers can act as first responders in cases of injury or serious illnesses. Kennedy said up until this year, the officers were not trained in those areas.

"They have got the training now," he said.

Since the change, the department has also added two automatic external defibrillators. The AEDs are units that can be used to start up someone's heart after it has stopped beating. Kennedy said the machine could greatly improve a person's chances of living after heart failure. All the officers have been trained in the use of the machine, but Kennedy said they are self-explanatory.

"It's almost so simple anyone can use it," he said.

One AED will be kept in the main truck used by Public Safety and the other will be kept in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. The first AED was purchased through a grant by Mercy Regional Health Foundation and the second by two donations from the Joy Spiva-Cragin Charitable Trust Fund.

The machines cost around $3,000. The department put an AED in the athletic center because that is where most people

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Paige Christenson, junior undecided major, attempts to get out of a traffic ticket from Craig Richardson, security officer. Christenson parked illegally in front of Billingsly Student Center.

Officials look to honor faculty

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

It's that time of year again when students and faculty can honor a deserving instructor.

The Missouri Southern academic affairs office has distributed applications for this year's Outstanding Teacher Awards for the 2003-2004 academic year. The winners will be announced at the May commencement ceremony.

Dr. Kexi Liu
Associate Professor of Music

"There's always a good number of nominations that come in," said Julie Vestal, secretary for the vice president for academic affairs.

On average, the office receives about 35-50 instructor nominations. The department holds two separate distributions in the fall and spring. The fall distribution is held so students graduating in December are eligible to nominate an instructor.

"We usually see more response in the spring," Vestal said.

The Missouri Southern Foundation provides the funds to finance the annual award honors, which began in 1980. Two winners will take home honors, as well as a $1,000 cash prize.

To be eligible, faculty must be full-time, be teaching at least six credit hours a semester and have completed three years of employment at the

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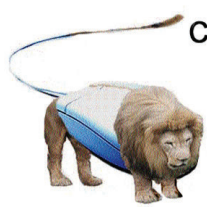

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Senate plans León session

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

With a lack of old and new business, Student Senate's Nov. 12 meeting lasted nine minutes.

No organizations came to the meeting, nor did any organizations make requests for the next meeting.

The freed up time allowed senators to discuss more issues during the announcements and president report portions of the meeting.

Zack Odem, Senate president, announced that University President Julio León and other administrators will come to the Nov. 19 meeting to answer any questions the senators have.

Senators must submit their questions to León before the questions can be asked. This is a courtesy on the part of both the Senate and León.

"We appreciate full and complete answers," said Adam Griffin, co-adviser to Senate.

Griffin said León takes the questions ahead of time to consult the vice presidents and do research to answer the questions in full.

Odem said the Senate will most likely get to ask only seven-10 questions formally, but toward the end of the session, the senators will be allowed to openly ask questions they may not have thought of before the meeting.

"It's a great opportunity to get their questions answered," Griffin said.

Both Griffin and Odem encourage students to talk to the senators about any issues they may have that the President may be able to work with.

"It'll be a worthwhile meeting," Odem said. "Probably, it's going to be the best meeting of the year."

The Senate will hold a "regular" meeting before beginning the session with the president and the other administrators that come.

Odem said the meeting will most likely last a full hour and encouraged all senators to come.

However, any senators with a night class can excuse themselves from the meeting without penalty.

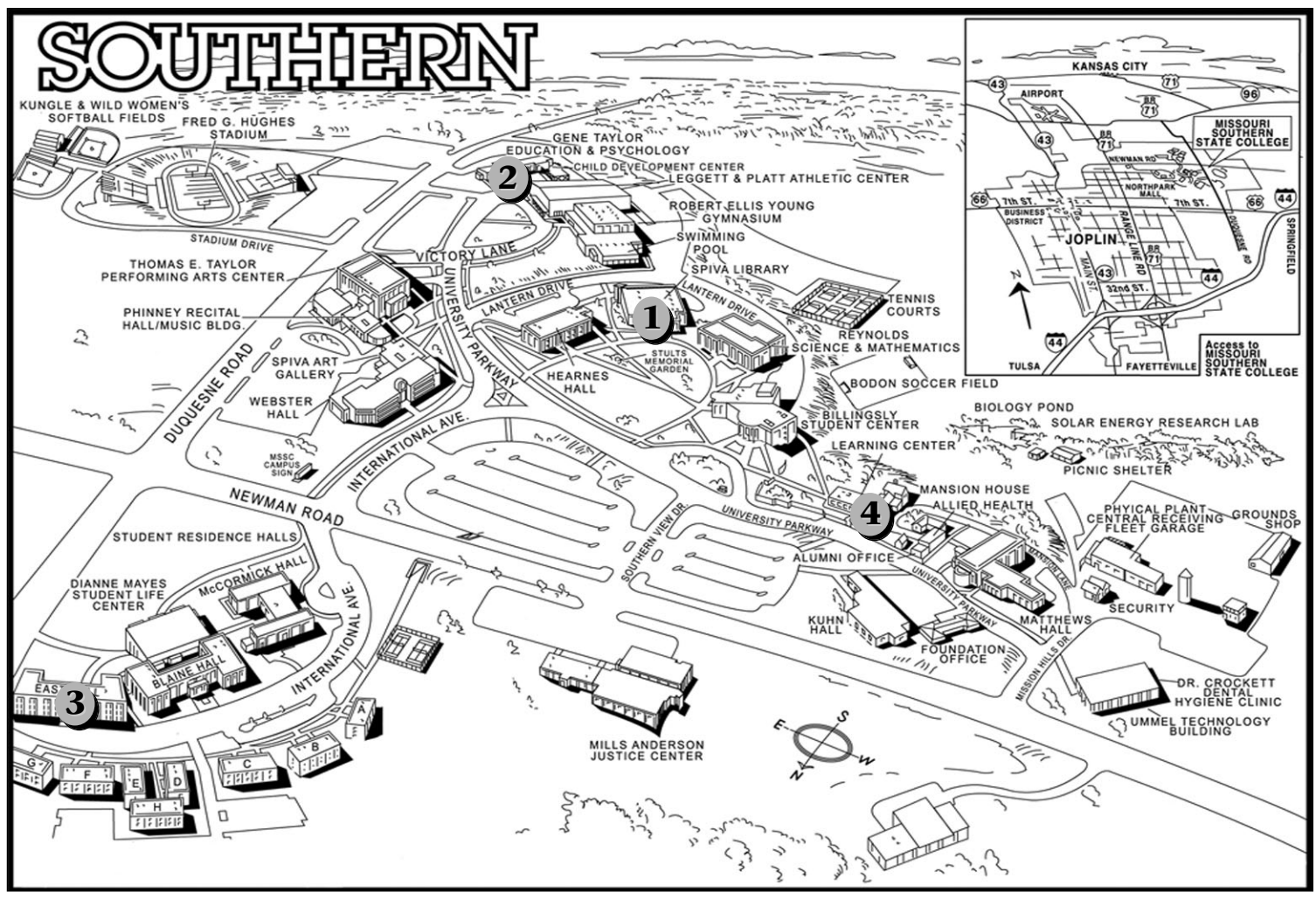
The treasurer reported the Senate has $3,868 left in its budget because during the Nov. 5 meeting, the Senate allocated $2,000.

The two organizations that received allocations were the Student Nurses Association, which received $1,000, and the College Players, which received $1,000 as well.

Odem also noted the Electronic Sign Committee met with León.

Odem said León was supportive of the idea and wished to consult with others before making a decision on how to proceed with the advancement of the sign.

Odem said $15,000 has already been set aside for the sign by organizations on campus and that the sign will be accessible to all organizations on campus.



Ex-husband causes library disturbance

1 Harrassment

11/8/03

7:35 p.m.

Security was contacted by a part-time staff member stating that her ex-husband had come to the library and caused a disturbance. The member was leaving early due to the disturbance.

As security was enroute to the library, the officer saw the ex-husband walking toward the library. Security contacted the woman of the situation, and later escorted her home.

2 Ill Student

11/6/03

7:05 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to Taylor Hall in reference to a reported ill student on the first floor.

Upon arrival, security found the student lying on the bench. The student said she was hypoglycemic, had not eaten breakfast and was feeling faint.

The student refused medical assistance.

3 Property Destruction

11/5/03

4:30 p.m.

An officer on duty noticed a "No Parking, Fire Lane" sign on the east side of East Hall had been run over.

An inspection of the sign showed blue paint halfway up the post.

The vehicle used is unknown, and the damage was reported to the physical plant for repairs.

4 Theft

11/4/03

11:50 a.m.

A student called security reporting a theft.

The student had laid her ID card holder on a table she was working at in the Learning Center.

After 50 minutes, the student noticed the holder was missing. The holder contained bank cards, a drivers license and keys.

No suspects were named.

Campus Calendar

Oxford University study program offers faculty virtually-free trip

It is the time when Missouri Southern faculty may apply to attend the Oxford University summer study program.

The program is free to one faculty member for accompanying a group of Southern students. All full-time faculty are eligible, but priority will be awarded to those who are or have been working with the Honors Program.

The summer program runs from July 5-July 24, 2004.

The chosen faculty member will participate in either a history or English literature seminar, which are the only two programs available to the University this upcoming summer.

Faculty who are interested must apply for the award.

A letter of application containing an overview of what the experience could provide the faculty and the University should be submitted to the Academic Affairs Office by Jan. 12.

The faculty member attending the trip is responsible for his or her own airfare. Last year's recipient was Dr. Virginia Laas. Faculty members interested may contact her or Dr. Chad Stebbins for questions about Oxford.

Brown bag lunch speaker covers thoughts about deceased leader

John F. Kennedy will be the topic of the next Brown Bag of the semester.

Dr. Conrad Gubera of the social science department, will be presenting from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Friday.

The event will recognize the 40th anniversary of JFK's death. Gubera is a former political worker, and will talk about JFK in his presidential campaign.

Observations about what was going on at the time of his death will be shared.

The event takes place in Billingsly Student Center, Room 310.

Persons may pick up their free lunch at the mini-buffet outside of the room. Lunch is provided courtesy of Academic Affairs and Sodexho.

Coalition offers fingerprinting, silent auction of various items

Free fingerprinting and a silent auction are the upcoming events for one organization.

The Missouri Southern Coalition Against Child Abuse will be doing free fingerprints for children from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Everyone is welcome to come.

The event will be held at the Mills Anderson Justice Center.

The group will also hold its annual Silent Auction. Everyone is welcome to come, browse and bid.

Items to bid on include autographed pictures of the Chicago Blackhawks, College Survival Packages and various other items.

The event will run from 9 a.m. Friday until noon Nov. 21. The inventory will be displayed all week.

Persons with questions about either event may call J.J. Spurlin at 625-9738.

Campus groups join forces, offer seminars on quitting smoking

Two campus organizations will come together in an effort to urge people to "Quit Smoking For at Least a Day."

The Student Support Center and the Campus Recreation & Wellness Program will be working together to make the Great American Smokeout. The event will be held from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday.

The event will consist of prize drawings, free giveaways and free blood pressure checks conducted by the Southern Health promotion majors. There will also be health-related quizzes for smokers and non-smokers.

The event will also feature "Tell It Like It Is," which will be a time for participants to make their own 30-second video clip.

The video clip can be about smoking, quitting smoking and secondhand smoke.

Entries will be submitted to a national contest for a chance to win cash prizes.

Participants can also register for "NO Ifs, Ands or Butts," which is a Brown Bag seminar for those who are serious about quitting smoking.

The seminar will be held Nov. 24. The first 30 people who register will be provided with lunch.

For information on the event, persons may contact the Student Support Center at 625-9324 or the Campus Recreation & Wellness Program at 625-9392.

CIS Club plans Freeman worker as presenter for next meeting

The CIS Club will hold its next meeting at 12:15 p.m. Thursday.

The meeting will feature Robert Tikkanen, a network specialist for Freeman Health Systems as the speaker.

The group will meet in Matthews Hall, Room 102.

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University increases classes, finishes catalog

BY JESSICA MACINTOSH
Online Editor

With the new year just two months away, the 2004-2006 Missouri Southern catalog is in the works.

The new catalog will be available in print and online June 1, 2004, to students and faculty.

"We began talking about it at the beginning of the semester," said Dr. Beverly Block, interim assistant vice president for academic affairs.

Every two years a new catalog is released with listings and descriptions of all classes offered on campus. The catalog is not printed every year because of the cost and employee time, Block said.

"It is very expensive," she said.

"It is not necessary to change the catalog every year," said Rod Surber, director of public information. "Not all the programs change every year."

New changes will be made to the catalog, ranging from academic classes to new majors and minors.

Along with Southern changing from a college to a university, classes will be added, and classes will be dropped. There will be a number of new degree options, a list of student organizations, a new calendar and changes to department heads, faculty and deans.

"It's an overall change," Block said.

There are also classes that will have name changes.

"It's a trend," Block said. "It is updating the classes."

In the changes with classes, there are some new classes that will be offered starting in fall 2004.

Classes Offered in the 2004-2006 Catalog

- Studies in American Literature Through the Civil War
- Computer Forensics
- Administration in Helath Promotion
- Pension Planning
- Estate Planning
- Internet Computing: Get Connected

Some classes that will be offered include Studies in American Literature Through the Civil War, Computer Forensics, Administration in Health Promotion, Pension Planning, Estate Planning and Internet Computing: Get Connected.

New classes will be offered and there will be some new degrees that will start in the fall semester.

Health science, a double major in computer information science and business administration, biochemistry and a BSE in physics and chemistry are just some of the degrees added. There will also be a minor in crime scene investigation offered in the criminal justice department.

The number of hours a student has to have to graduate will not change. It will stay at 124 hours to graduate, and of those 124, there are still 51 hours of core requirements.

A new cover for the catalog has not been decided on as of yet.

"It is in process," Block said.

Writing and designing the catalog takes time.

"It is a project that has to be done," Surber said. "But, it is exciting to see how classes change and reading about some of the classes. It is fun seeing courses evolve."

"It is a big job," Block said. "We have to get it approved by academic policy, Faculty Senate, the president and the Board. It is a big responsibility for the departments to do their part."

Approximately 25,000 books are printed and around $30,000 is spent working on the catalog.

Printing companies place a bid on the catalog.

"It is like comparative shopping," Block said.

Program amplifies childrens' dialect

BY T.J. GERLACH
Public Forum Editor

Since 1997, Missouri Southern students have taught foreign languages to area middle school students.

"We have serviced more than 2,000 students since that time," said Dr. Tatiana Karmanova, director of the International Language Resource Center.

The program started with Joplin R-8 Schools and has grown to include Webb City and Carl Junction.

"We usually do it at several schools," Karmanova said. "This year we missed Carl Junction, because their facilities weren't ready after the tornado."

Joplin R-8 saw the results of the program and integrated it with the main curriculum.

"Unfortunately, with budget cuts, they've cut the elementary foreign language program," Karmanova said.

The semester-long program sets up one-hour classes after school once a week. There are five classes in four languages. Two Spanish classes, one French, one Russian and one Italian are offered.

Southern students teach the classes using a curriculum standardized by the center, meaning when one class is learning one topic, for instance dates and times, so are all the other classes.

Cherazade Hamdane, senior international business major and native speaker of both French and Italian, said she does not think of it as teaching.

"It's just a good moment we spend together every week," Hamdane said.

She said she will continue to teach in the spring and by then Carl Junction will be ready, and she will teach there as well.

"We usually have a great response from the schools," Karmanova said

Larry Shelley, principal of Webb City Middle School, said parents of the students are pleased with the program.

"It's a good opportunity for those students to experience other languages," Shelley said. "We've had a real good response from our students."

Shelley said the school is grateful for the opportunity to hold the classes and is pleased Southern offers the program.

The Southern student teachers apply through Karmanova. She said they need to be interested in teaching first.

"The main thing is their desire and their love of kids," Karmanova said.

They are all foreign language majors, education majors or native speakers who have good skills in both English and the language they will teach.

This semester Katarina Dzidic, senior psychology and French major, teaches the French class. Hamdane teaches the Italian class. Olga Khlopina, junior international business major and native Russian, teaches the Russian class. The Spanish class teachers are Ruschelle Jones, senior Spanish and international business major, and Pablo Zahoran, senior international business major and native of Chile.

"Ruschelle Jones is our veteran," Karmanova said. "She's an excellent teacher. Kids love her."

The center trains the student teachers in planning and managing classes.

Classes teach culture along with the language itself, starting with geography.

"We try to use a lot of games and songs," Karmanova said. "The center provides [the teachers] with as many resources as possible."

Hamdane said she enjoys teaching the Italian class because it's a way for her to speak Italian.

Karmanova is pleased with the program.

"I wish every school would have such a program," she said. "I wish they would start before intermediate, like around age 6."

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Katarina Dzidic, senior French and psychology major, helps a fifth grader, Stevie Fisher, at Webb City Middle School, learn numbers one through 10 in French.

Southern educates military

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Officials in the distance learning program are stretching their academic wings next semester.

Beginning in the spring, Missouri Southern students who are members with the Missouri National Guard will be able to enroll in televised classes at 11 separate sites around the state.

"I thought it was an excellent idea," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, vice president for lifelong learning.

The system was set up in order to help students in the Missouri Armed Forces to maintain their commitments to the Guard but not forget about their education. As part of their training programs, students enrolled can watch the classes at telecommunications community resource centers. These centers also have the ability to provide video conferencing.

"We have the capabilities to do interactive TV," Spurlin said.

Classes offered in the spring include Oral Communications, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Beginning Math, Music Appreciation, U.S./State/Local Government and Introduction to Sociology.

Dr. Jerry Williams, director of lifelong learning, said the department has been planning to televise classes around the state for students in the Armed Forces for about a year.

"It's a good opportunity for National Guard members," Williams said. "So many of them are located in rural locations in which they don't have access to the University."

Enrollment is still a question for officials, however.

"So many Guard members are out of state, and many units are deployed around the world," Williams said. "We're not expecting a huge turnout the first semester."

Televising classes around the state for Southern is nothing new. Police officers in training have been able to take classes through the criminal justice department. On average, 40-60 officers from around the state were enrolled.

"We're always looking for better ways to serve our students," Williams said.

He said the system works well for students in Missouri and those who are in another country.

"It will be rewarding for those who come home to have access to an education," he said. "We're glad to do anything that helps the Missouri National Guard."

"It will be rewarding for those who come home to have access to an education."

Dr. Jerry Williams
Director of Lifelong Learning

Conference creates networking opportunity for businesses

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Jesse James, program director for Heartland PTAC, and Valerie Pense, from Pense Technologies, network during the small business conference hosted by Southern.

BY MELISSA BLANCHARD
Staff Writer

On Nov. 6, Missouri Southern hosted a procurement conference on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center. The conference began with registration. Government and prime contractor exhibits were open for the small businesses to visit representatives of these government agencies.

The conference was put together by U.S. Rep. Roy Blunt (R-MO.) and Missouri State Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) in cooperation with Heartland Procurement Technical Assistance Center.

The purpose of the conference was to get small businesses together with government buyers. It was a networking opportunity for local businesses.

Some of the federal agencies and installations and state and local entities that were guest speakers included Whiteman Air Force Base, Department of Veteran Affairs, Defense Supply Center, Missouri Army National Guard, Missouri Department of Transportation and Neosho R-5 School District.

The day was broke up into different sessions. Panel one was for federal agencies and gave each speaker 10 minutes to present exactly how to do business with them, followed by questions and answers. Panel two was for state and local entities – how to do business with them – followed by questions and answers. The exhibit room was open between panel discussions.

"It allowed you to see exactly what the state agencies are looking for, some good contacts were made, very beneficial," said Ron Brunner, official with Brunner Fabrication.

"A lot of it is networking, getting

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Editor's Column

Many drivers abuse privilege of driving

Jessica MacIntosh
Online Editor

Driving is supposed to be a privilege, and more and more people are abusing that privilege. The privilege is broken enough times on the road; that's when I start to wonder why people drive.

It is scary to think some people manage to pass their drivers' tests. Sometimes it is really scary when drivers do not watch where they are driving.

What is really scary is hearing about car accidents on television and seeing that people are killed. One starts to wonder what happened to cause those accidents.

Was it alcohol? Not paying attention to the road and the drivers around?

It is just scary to think when one is in a car; how safe is it? And how well does the driver drive?

For instance, Atlanta Thrashers hockey players Dany Heatley and Dan Snyder were leaving a charity event Sept. 29 when Heatley's Ferrari smashed into a brick and wrought-iron fence.

An article on the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*'s Web site read Heatley was driving his car about 80 miles per hour down a narrow two-lane road.

He was left with a broken jaw and had to have knee surgery; Snyder suffered a head injury that soon placed him into a coma.

Six days later, he died in an Atlanta hospital.

In another article from *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Heatley is charged with a felony vehicular homicide and several misdemeanor charges, but the accident is still under investigation.

Experts are still examining the remains of the car. Heatley was tested for alcohol intoxication, and he registered .015, which is below the .08 rating to be legally drunk in Georgia. Meaning, he was not drunk at the time of the accident.

This just proves what can happen when the driver, in this case Heatley, does not pay attention to the rules of the road, and in turn kills the passenger who was his teammate on the hockey team.

Those who are preparing to earn their drivers' licenses should think long and hard about it first.

Are they truly prepared? Just because one is 16 years old and knows he or she can take the driver's test does not mean he or she has to take the test at the age of 16.

If one thinks he or she is not ready to drive, then do not drive. It is all up to the person.

Preparation and practice come with part of the responsibility of driving.

Without preparation or practice, someone may end up like Heatley and Snyder.

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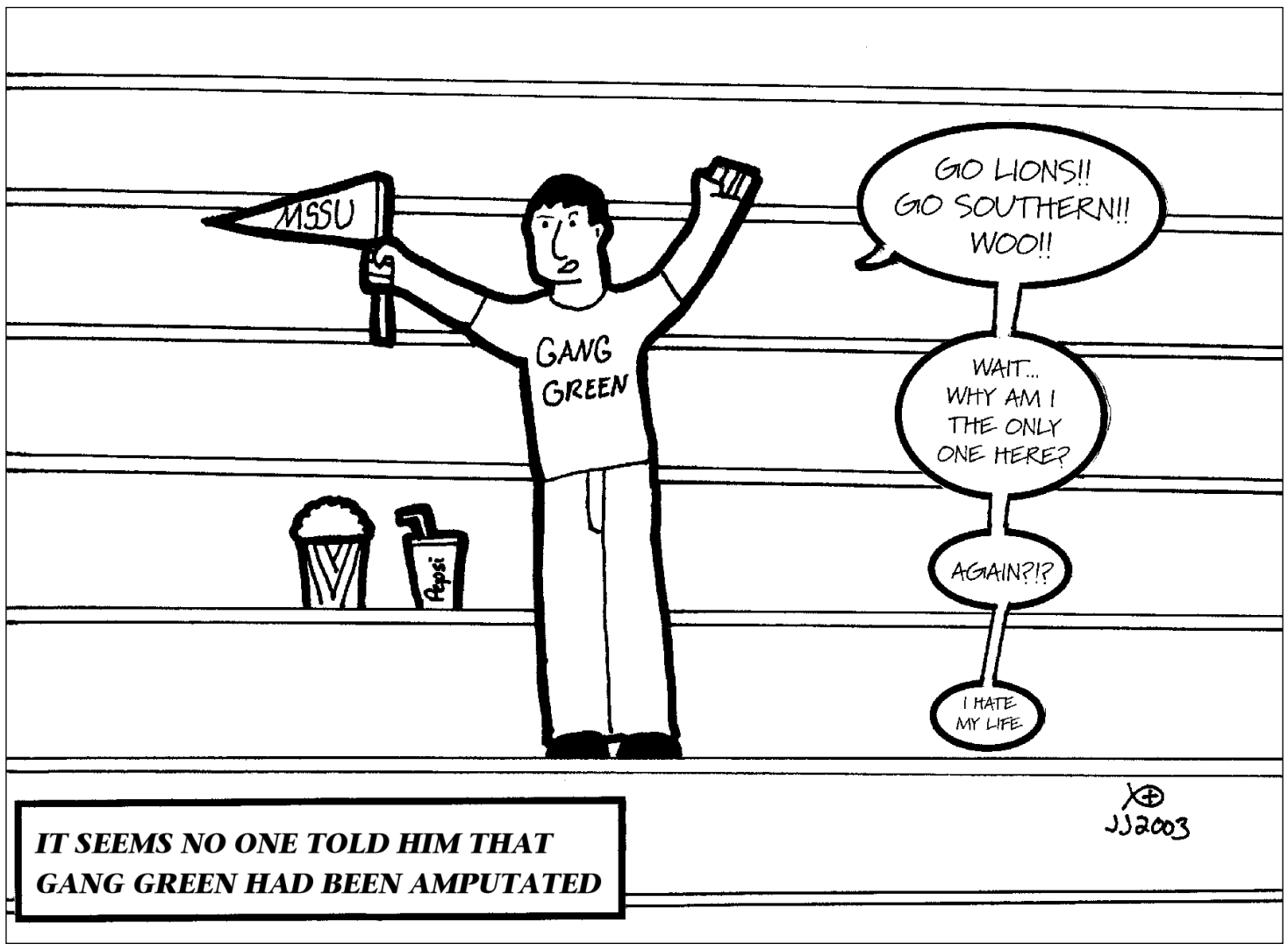


Gang Green forgets duties

Chart Opinion

Certain sports have been hard to stand behind and cheer on this semester, but with an organization like Gang Green, this should be easy to do.

This, however, has not been the case in the last couple of home games for all athletics. At the Nov. 1 football game, there was only one Gang Green member present that was actually doing the job of the fan, i.e. participating in cheers, initiating cheers, etc. The very next week at the Nov. 8 game there were more members present, and they didn't even do the job of the fan properly.

Gang Green has given up on fall sports; they are now anxiously waiting basketball season to start. Why? The theory is since the basketball teams are better then they should have more support. This does not make sense. There are always fans at the basketball games.

What about our other sports, like tennis? Will Gang Green decide that since tennis isn't a major sport on campus, it will be forgotten? Or what about baseball — a good team that might get put on the back burner?

If an organization is created to spread school spirit and cheer on the teams, then it should be cheering on every team. This includes the teams that are losing — they need the support, too. The fundamental mission of Gang Green has been forgotten. Let us remind the organization what it is intended to do — support all the teams, not just a select few. Either support all the teams or be amputated from the University.

Campus Voice BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

What is your opinion of Gang Green's lack of involvement?

"It's discouraging for members that do show up for games when others don't. I also feel that during basketball season it will pick back up, and the stigma of its own section for Gang Green should bring out a bigger crowd."

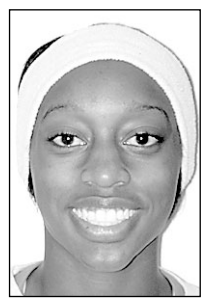
Travis Lewis
Junior
Sociology
Major

"Gang Green is a good idea for the University and great for the sports. I'm on the soccer team and, it's great to have a lot of team spirit there."

Joel Williams
Junior
Environmental Health
Major

"It's good to have a student group to support the teams because at baseball we don't get anybody to show up to support the team. 'It's too cold,' most say, so maybe with Gang Green they'll show up and support us."

Jeff Taylor
Sophomore
Undecided
Major



"I believe Gang Green is a good idea, but they should show up at every home game. Last football game I only saw one person show up. I don't believe I will see any of them at a track meet."

Iashia Castle
Sophomore
Accounting
Major

"I think the main reason that not too many people showed up at the last few football games is the weather got colder and midterms may have also had an effect on the turn out. Basketball should have more of a turnout."

T.J. Bilson
Freshman
Biology
Major

Letter

Story misleads readers, bacteria can be helpful

As a professor in the biology department at Missouri Southern, I would like to make two comments on the story in the Oct. 24 edition of *The Chart* titled "Swabbing shows bacteria."

1. The story discusses the ovulation of bacteria.

Bacteria don't ovulate, which by definition means "the discharge of the ovum from the ovary" (*Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary*, 15th edition, 1985). To date, I have never known bacteria to have ovaries.

I believe the correct word should have been incubation, meaning to allow the bacteria time to multiply.

2. The article implies that a direct relationship exists whereby the more bacteria recovered from the swabbed surfaces, the more unhealthy the area.

While number of bacteria is useful in determining "cleanliness," the type of bacteria present is far more important in assessing implications of bacterial contamination.

Swabbing your tongue would probably result in more bacteria than you can imagine, yet I don't see anyone removing their tongues.

Many "good" bacteria are found on the surface of your body as well as internally. Without these, we would be unable to perform numerous normal physiological functions.

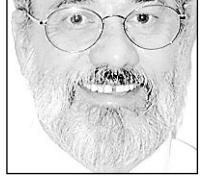
I agree that food preparation areas need to be frequently washed and good cleaning practices need to be followed, but don't be alarmed just because of high numbers of bacteria without knowing if they are harmful or helpful.

Dr. Vickie Roettger
Associate Professor of Biology

In Perspective

Internationals make a 'valuable resource'

There is a resource available to students and faculty at Missouri Southern that is unexpectedly delightful and enlightening. Surprisingly, this resource is often overlooked. I am referring to our population of international students.



Dr. James Jackson
Professor of Biology

A person from another culture can give us a clearer view of who we are. This ranges from something as intriguing as word usage to how we are perceived on the international economic and political scene.

For example, the words rubber and rest room convey different images to an individual from another country. One of my students from England went into the bookstore and demanded a rubber. When I talked to him later, he was incensed that they did not carry them. In England, a rubber is an eraser. We laughed for hours when I told him what they thought he was asking for. Unfortunately, he was too embarrassed to go back to the bookstore. The same student arrived from his first long, tiring flight to the United States and was so pleased to see a sign indicating rest rooms. "How nice, a place to rest," he said to himself, picturing a room full of cots. Needless to say he was a bit confused and disappointed at what he found. Later, he suggested to me that the word rest room was completely inappropriate; I mentioned the term "water closet" and again we laughed.

Most importantly, our economic and political well-being is absolutely linked to the other nations of the world. If we blunder internationally, it is because we just do not understand other cultures. International students can provide an unbiased and unfiltered insight into these topics.

Because of geography, we have little exposure to other cultures. The international mission of the University is an insightful way to remedy this intellectual deficiency. Often, the constraints of money and life may keep us from having international travel experiences. Welcoming international students into our lives is not a substitute for travel, but it is intellectually enlightening and very rewarding.

Our culture and our religious traditions demand that we be a hospitable

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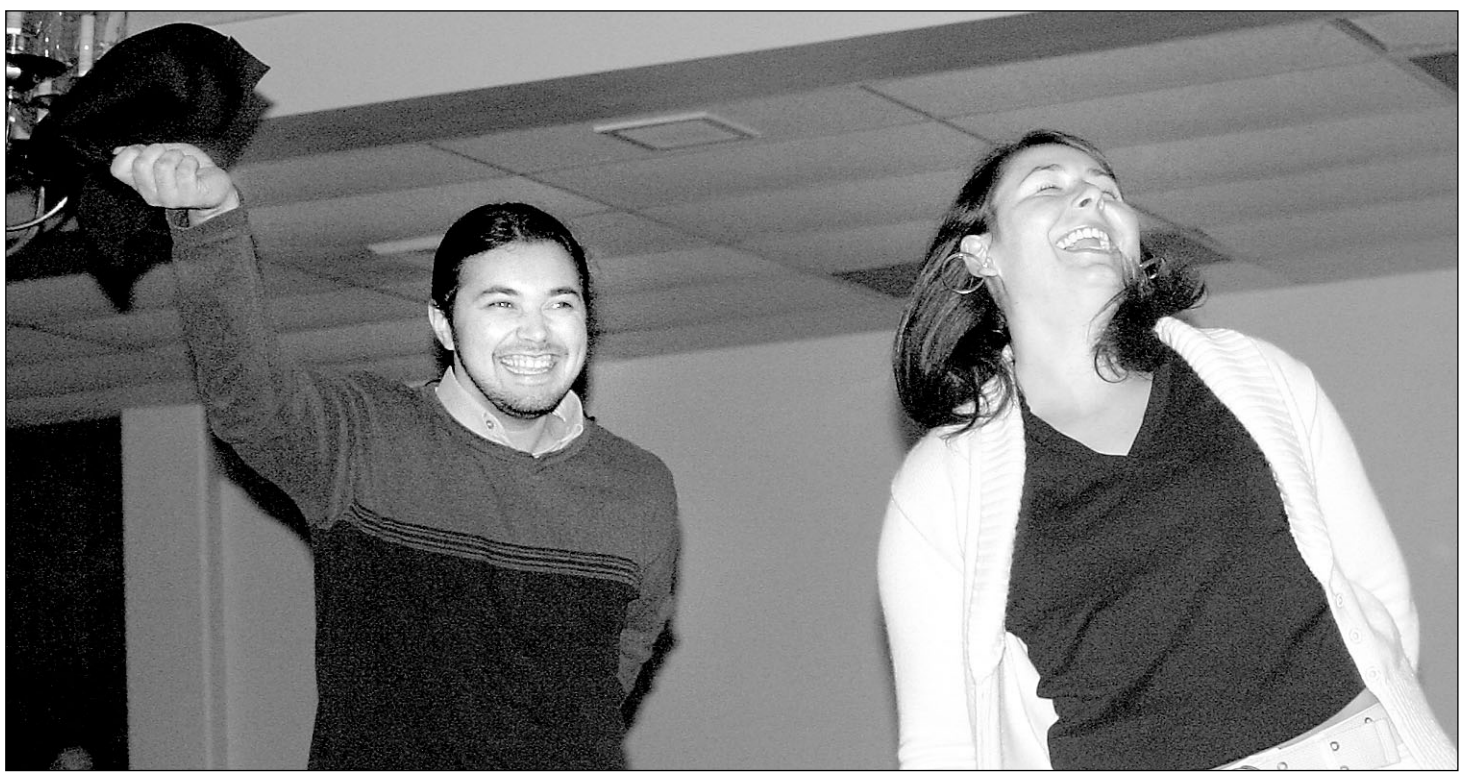
GETTING THE GROOVE ON



Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Entertaining the crowds with their Chilean dance are Juan Herrera, senior undecided major, and Jocelyn Borquez, senior international business major. They used the dance as part of the International Club's first "Pachanga," or party, Nov. 8.

Fair brings cultural flair

BY RUSS ROPER
Staff Writer

Reading about different countries and their cultures is one thing, but to actually go there is another.

Students at Missouri Southern are preparing to do just that.

The Study Abroad Fair is scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 19, in Billingsly Student Center.

During the fair, students will be able to gather information at booths dedicated to each trip available, pick up applications and discuss the details and requirements involved for each opportunity.

"This gives the kids a chance to see all of the available trips," said Dr. Gerald Schlink, professor of biology.

There are trips to France, Mexico, Costa Rica, England and Scotland, Germany, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

While the trips give students an opportunity to visit new places, the focus of the trips will be on education and will include class work related to the specific fields of study.

"The students will have research work during class prior to the trip, then during the trip, and once we return," said Dr. Elaine Freeman, associate professor of teacher education.

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> **Dr. Gerald Schlink**
> *Professor of Biology*

The number of students able to participate will be limited to the space available on the specific trip. A wide variety of curriculum will be covered. For example, the Costa Rica trip will focus on general biology and economic botany.

"Our trip is unique in that it teaches core curriculum," said Dr. Dorothy Bay, associate professor of biology.

Students will study the roots of science during the trip to Germany, Poland and Czech Republic and Slovakia, led by Dr. Gerald Schlink, professor of biology, and Dr. Roger Chelf, professor of physics.

These trips are scheduled for spring break and intersession and will offer an opportunity to gain an understanding of the different cultures.

"It's a good experience and a chance to compare cultures," said Jessica Howerton, senior elementary education major. "It looks good on a résumé."

Students interested in history will have an opportunity to travel to Paris with Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history. The focus of the trip will deal with Paris from the late 1600s to present with classes before and after the trip and lecture tours while in Paris.

"I think it's good for any college student to be exposed to other countries and cultures," Teverow said.

Other trips planned include the International Media Seminar in Paris, studying business in the Czech Republic Slovakia and Hungary.

Another trip is to the University of Orleans in France and also to the Yucatan region of Mexico and then one to a nursing program in London.

Students develop Chilean memories

BY ANJULIE BOBO
Staff Writer

Many students at Missouri Southern wish to travel abroad, and this year, a group of students gained the chance to study in Chile.

From Aug. 4 when the plane left, to Dec. 1 when the plane arrives back in the states, the students who journeyed to Chile will have experienced true multicultural memories.

"The most exciting parts about this trip are interacting with the Chileans and traveling around the country to see different things," said Carol Hahn, sophomore nursing and Spanish major.

"I love using my Spanish, and here you have to speak Spanish because very few people speak English."

This trip was one of many that the Institute of International Studies organized for students wishing to study abroad.

"I realized that the only real way to become fluent in Spanish is to live in a Spanish-speaking country," said Danielle Dudley, senior Spanish major.

"Also, I knew that the opportunity to experience another culture would be priceless, and it has been."

During their time in Chile, the students have traveled to many different parts of the country, and had many different experiences.

"We've traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina, the house of Pablo Neruda (an author), and spent time on the beach," Dudley said.

Through the international studies program, many students in any department or major can have the opportunity to travel abroad.

"I knew a student who went on the trip and loved it," Dudly said.

"I applied for the trip through Trish Udell in the intensive English (program) and was accepted, then student loans and a couple of grants from the school made it possible financially."

"I saw a sign in the foreign language building (Webster Hall) for this particular trip, so I applied and was accepted," Hahn said.

There are many benefits besides the obvious experiences of studying abroad.

Students in many different majors and fields of study gain insight into themselves and their career choices by studying abroad.

"I have experienced so many new things while living here, Hahn said." "One of the most important things I've learned is that just because a country does something a different way doesn't mean it's wrong. It also doesn't mean that the U.S. is better, it just means that this country has a different way of doing things because it is a different culture."

Dudley agreed.

"Since I arrived in Chile I have seen so many things that I never thought I would see," Dudley said.

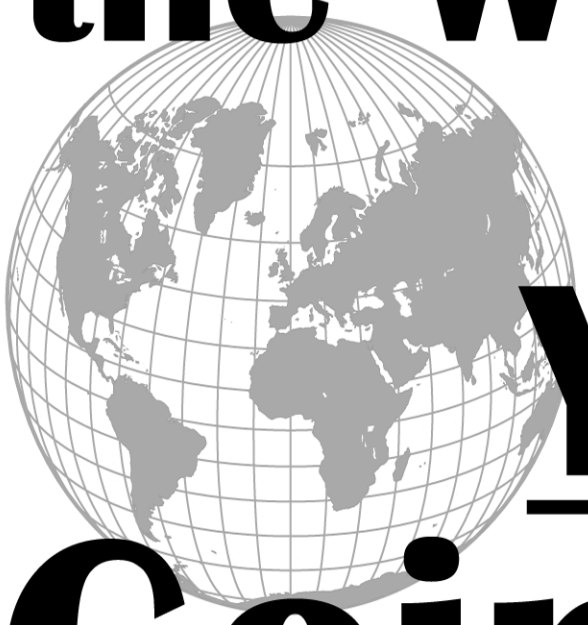
Dudley has also witnessed such events and other cultural differences while in Chile as political demonstrations, soccer celebrations, violence and cultural celebrations.

"I am getting a chance to immerse myself in the culture and language of a Spanish speaking culture which has given me the opportunity to improve my Spanish, not only at an academic level, but also conversationally, Dudley said. "This is important for me as a Spanish major."

Other students would agree with her cultural experience as well as the educational benefits of traveling abroad.

"I would recommend studying abroad to everyone," Hahn said. "It is an awesome, life-changing experience full of fun, adventure, new culture, language and life."

Where in the World are You Going?



Missouri Southern State University Institute of International Studies presents...

2003 Study Abroad Fair

Wednesday, November 19

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Billingsly Student Center 2nd Floor Lounge

Faculty in charge of the following study abroad opportunities will participate in the Study Abroad Fair.

France

Comm 380 (2 hours credit) / French 100 (1 hour credit) – International Media Seminar/French for Travelers – March 12-21, 2004. Taught in English. Open to Journalism and Communications students; 2-hour course meets all semester; students must go to Paris during spring break to pass course. Students must also enroll in French 100 – French for Travelers (1 credit hour). Prerequisite: Comm 111 (Newswriting) or permission of instructor. *Mrs. Brenda Kilby, Dr. Eugene Chang, Dr. Chad Stebbins,* and *Dr. William Kumbier.*

History 498 (2 hours credit) – History and Splendors of Paris, Part 2/French for Travelers – March 12-21, 2004. Prerequisites: English 102; any college-level history course or permission of instructor. Students may also enroll in French 100 – French for Travelers (1 credit hour). Taught in English. Examines the development of Paris from the age of Louis XIV to the present as the political and cultural center of France, and as a model of urban planning. Students will spend a week in Paris where faculty from Missouri Southern and from the American University in Paris will coordinate tours of historical sites, lectures and discussion sessions. *Dr. Paul Teverow, Dr. Eugene Chang* and *Dr. William Kumbier.*

Psychology 460 (3 hours credit) – Advanced Research Projects in Grenoble and Paris, France – May 17-28, 2004. Prerequisite – PSY 330 or permission of instructor. This is an upper-level, elective course to advance students' research skills beyond the required course in experimental psychology. Students will perform an attitudinal study in Grenoble, France, and conduct an observational study and field experiment in Paris. Highlights include a tour of the psychology facilities at the Universite Pierre Mendes, France, meeting with French psychology students, spending the day at the farm of a French social psychologist, and a bike tour of Paris. *Dr. Christie Cathey.*

FREN 250 or FREN 350 (6 hours credit). Summer Program in Orleans, France. June 30–July 31, 2004. Students attend the Universisité d'Orleans and take part in cocurricular activities that include walking tours and sports, all conducted in French. The program includes two excursions: a visit to the chateaux region of France and another to a smaller village, such as Vouvray or Chartres. Missouri Southern sponsor also takes students on a series of weekend trips, including a long weekend in Paris for sightseeing and museum tours; a visit Strasbourg, home of the European Parliament; and a visit to Annecy, in the foothills of the French Alps. Participants must have completed two semesters of college French and be screened by a committee. *Dr. Maryann Weber.*

Eastern Europe

BIO 498 – Problems in Biology (2 credit hours) – Germany, Poland, and Republic of Czechoslovakia. May 16-30, 2004. Students will take a one-hour class during Spring, 2004 and travel to Eastern Europe during the spring intercession, taking another one-hour class. The course will explore the work of three scientists who made significant contributions in the areas of genetics, microbiology and Earth science – Gregor Mendel ("father of genetics"), Robert Koch (study of infectious diseases) and Nicolas Copernicus (heliocentric theory of solar system.) Students will travel to Berlin, Germany and from there visit Poland and the Czech Republic. Highlights include museums, castles, traveling through Eastern Europe by rail, and working on research projects. Prerequisites: BIO 101 or PHY 100, or permission of instructor. *Dr. Gerald Schlink* and *Dr. Roger Chelf.*

International Business 498 (3 hours credit) – Czech and Slovak Republics, Hungary: From Communism to the European Union – May 22 through June 7, 2004. (Tentative dates). Open to international business majors or other majors where international experience is appropriate. Students will study the international business environment, business strategy, organizational structure and management practices of former Eastern Bloc countries since 1989 to membership in the European Union. Students will travel to Prague, Czech Republic; Bratislava, Slovak Republic; Vienna, Austria, and Budapest, Hungary. Itinerary includes business visits and cultural experiences, while staying in commercial hotels and at the CMC Graduate School of Business in Prague. *Mr. J. Chris Moos*

Costa Rica

BIO 101 General Biology (4 hours credit) OR BIO 316 Economic Botany (3 hours credit) AND KINE 101 (1 hour credit) Biology and Hiking in Costa Rica – May 27-June 26, 2004. Taught in English. Students spend a month in Costa Rica to satisfy these core requirements in biology and kinesiology. Includes a hike through lowland rain forests and high cloud forests, up volcanoes and along the beaches; also encompasses historical sites and museums; one trip included restoring a beached Manta Ray to the ocean. Prerequisites for BIO316 only: Botanical Survey (BIO 312) or permission. *Dr. Dorothy Bay* and *Mr. Michael Kennedy.*

United Kingdom

NURS 450 Community Health Nursing and NURS 360 Mental Health Nursing. London-Nursing Study Abroad (12 clinical hours of credit). March 12-19, 2004. Students will travel to London, England over spring break to view the historical origins of modern nursing. Highlights include interaction with nurses and physicians, as well as tours of historic landmarks that hallmark the nursing practice and education and psychiatric theory developed by Florence Nightingale and Sigmund Freud. Includes museums, Windsor Castle, Tower of London and six nights in a London Hotel. Prerequisites: NURS 305, NURS 310 and NURS 320 with a grade of C or better. *Ms. Sheila Hart.*

EDUC 483 – Comparative Education and Cultures – the British Experience: England and Scotland. – (2 hours credit) – May 27-June 3, 2004. A comparative education course. 16 classroom hours will be completed at Missouri Southern before the trip. The travel, or field experience, will take students to London and Southampton in England, and Edinburgh, the East and West Highlands and Glasgow, Scotland. Highlights are placement in schools to compare the American education system with U.K. schools, a visit to Windsor Castle, and Loch Ness. Open to education majors and by approval of faculty. *Dr. Vikki Spencer, Dr. Elaine Freeman,* and *Dr. Jane Scholl.*

Mexico

SPAN 204/SPAN 308/SPAN 336/SPAN 498 (Advanced Communication Skills and Syntax) (up to 6 credit hours). Cultural and linguistic immersion in Mexico, Summer 2004 – May 27-June 27. (Dates approximate.) Students will stay with host families and lodge in hotels during excursions. Includes tours of historical sites and museums. Prerequisite: Spanish 203 or equivalent level of proficiency. *Dr. Cristobal Sartori.*

SOC 298/ANTHRO 298 – 2 hrs. credit – Mexican Yucatan Peninsula 2004 – May 20-May 25. This is a cultural anthropology/sociology special topic course to teach students about ancient Mayan science and culture while traveling through the ruins of northern Chiapas, Mexico. Participants will stay comfortably in the modern city of Palenque taking day trips and receiving lectures in the evenings. Completion of the course will take place at Missouri Southern with overviews, summation papers and discussion. *Dr. Conrad Gubera* and *Mr. Sam Claussen.*

Other study abroad opportunities expected to be featured at the fair include:

Oxford and Cambridge programs, summer internships in London, and the Missouri London Program *(Dr. Chad Stebbins);* Summer in Sweden with the Art Department *(Mr. Dewane Hughes);* ISEP and bilateral exchange agreements *(Mrs. Stephanie Goad);* International Business Internships through Webster University and the Missouri Southern Business Department (*Karen Lynch* and *Dr. John Lewis);* and The Chile exchange program *(Mrs. Trish Udell).*

Door Prizes - Refreshments

Sponsors: Crossroads Travel, Great Expectations, Gilkey Automotive, Pizza Hut, Coca-Cola, Subway, Movie Gallery, and O'Sullivan Industries.

Diversions

Cuban Fire

Jazz orchestra premieres original Latin score

By Philip Martin
Sports Editor

Webster Hall Auditorium was set ablaze with Cuban Fire, Nov. 11.

Cuban Fire is a term coined by the Stan Kenton Orchestra in the late 1930s, early 1940s. It started when Kenton would combine big band music, "that was traditionally swing and would add a Latin flavor to it," said Dr. Phillip Wise, head of the music department and director of jazz studies.

"He was the first, maybe the only big band up until maybe 20 years ago that would include ethnic styles; Latin, Cuban music," Wise said. "When he first started writing music for the big band with Cuban style, it was nicknamed Cuban Fire, because it had so much energy to it."

Kenton released an album with the name *Cuban Fire*, and the term stuck ever since. Wise said when people think about Kenton and his music, they think about the Cuban Fire style of music.

The first song performed by the Missouri Southern Jazz Orchestra was titled "Malaguena," which was written for and performed by the Stan Kenton Orchestra.

It featured special guest soloist Michael Spiro. Spiro has performed with such artists as Ella Fitzgerald, Carlos Santana and Mark Levine.

"Malaguena" also featured Matt Godsey on alto sax, Chelsea Garrison on trombone and mellophonists Kate Chandler, Annette Cross, Nick Gilmore and Michael Gilliland.

"That's a real strong example of Cuban Fire or that kind of intensity in music," he said. "A very powerful piece of music. We just wanted something to open up the concert that would wake everyone up and get them going. That's what that piece does."

After "Malaguena," the orchestra performed "81," which was written by Miles Davis and his bassist Ron Carter. "81" fuses jazz, swing, funk and reggae.

He said a portion of the piece was left to the rhythm section to create the mood for the piece.

To follow up the Davis song was "Bridge Over Troubled Water." The song was arranged for Maynard Ferguson in the early 1970s. It featured Matt Cameron on trumpet. To end the first part of the show was "Who's Sorry Now." Wise said the song is a "standard straight-ahead swing tune."

"It's very representative of the styles we've done throughout my tenure director of the band," he said.

Josh Zimmer, sophomore undecided major, said he thought the show was the "most eclectic programming the jazz ensemble has done so far."

"It's really breaking away from the typical swing styles," Zimmer said.

"You hear recordings of that ("Malaguena") your whole life, basically, but it never beats hearing it up close and personal. You really connect to it on a much more personal level when you hear it live instead of on a recording."

He said hearing the song live was a "treat" for everyone.

It wasn't the Cuban Fire that caused the heat that made the orchestra members remove their jackets after intermission, it was the standing room only crowd in the auditorium. With their jackets off, the Jazz Orchestra returned to the stage to play the world premiere of "Cubaneando."

"Cubaneando" was commissioned by the Institute of International Studies nine months ago when it was decided to include the Jazz Orchestra in the Cuba Semester.

Originally, Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies, approached Jeremy Kushner, director of percussion studies, about bringing in a Cuban percussionist. Kushner suggested the percussionist perform with the Jazz Orchestra during its fall concert.

When the suggestion was told to Wise, he said he would enjoy being a part of the Cuban Semester.

Wise said he picked Robert Washut to write "Cubaneando" because Washut is a "prolific poser, and I think one of the top three big-band composers that write for Latin jazz."

"He's very highly touted and has written for several top quality professional groups all around the world," he said.

"Knowing of him, knowing him and knowing the work he puts out, he was my first choice."

Wise said he was pleased with the way the song came out, especially when he received the conductor's score in September.

During the summer, Washut would call Wise to find out the different strengths of the band, this is how Washut was able to give Wise exactly what he wanted out of the piece, he said. There was one thing Washut included in the song that Wise was not expecting.

"The little vocal part in that, I had no clue he was going to write that," Wise said.

"It was a nice touch. It fit our band to a T, and I think it is a wonderful piece of music that will be published by the University of Northern Colorado Jazz Press, sometime in the next month or two."

"Cubaneando" brought back Spiro to the stage. Spiro had a solo in the song.

After "Cubaneando," Spiro performed solo with a song he wrote himself titled "Lucumi Inventions."

Spiro played on four congas with two cowbells set on foot pedals and one shaker that was positioned on a high-hat stand.

Spiro said the song was reminiscent of African slave songs when they were first shipped to Cuba.

Instead of singing in Spanish, Spiro sang in Lucumi, which was the language of some of the slaves.

"I played OK, I could have played better," Spiro said. "Some nights you play better than others."

He said playing with the Jazz Orchestra as part of the Cuba Semester was the best part of playing with them.

"I really like the fact that recognizes that the world is not divided up into subjects, but the world is divided up into humans," Spiro said. "Some humans play music, some humans are into politics, some humans are into biology and some humans are into music and some people are into religion."

Damon Graue, sophomore sociology major and one of the two drummers for the band said it was great having a guest soloist at the concert because the soloist would push the band to another level "above where Dr. Wise has taken us from where we were five years ago."

"He (Spiro) is such an incredible player, it's hard to fathom the things that he does," Graue said.

"When he's taking a solo and you're playing with him, you literally can't listen to him because of the extremely complex rhythms that he plays.

He toys with the time so much, which is what he is supposed to do, but it makes our job extra difficult because it makes us count."

The next song was "Another Day Another Chance," which was another swing style tune.

The last song was a samba that also featured Spiro along with Godsey on alto saxophone, Garrison on trombone, Cameron on trumpet, Paul Equiha, Joel Thomas on piano, Tom Smith on trumpet and Brandon Pearce on guitar.

The concert will be aired at 9 p.m. Dec. 14 on KGCS. Audience members enjoyed Spiro's playing.

"There's not much I can say about Michael Spiro, except he's a genius," Zimmer said.

"He said he can produce 20 pitches per drum. He's such a melodic drummer, he really makes the drums sing. He's just an inspiration to everybody here."

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Matt Cameron plays a trumpet solo during the Missouri Southern Jazz Band Concert. This year's performance featured special guest soloist Michael Spiro.

Group questions official beauty pageant involvement, swimsuit category

By T.J. Gerlach
Public Forum Editor

Events for the spring semester were the topic of the day at the Nov. 12 Campus Activities Board meeting.

For a speaker, Julie Blackford, director of student activities, said she checked on having Bobby Petrocelli, a motivational speaker, come to campus.

She said his price would be a "doable" $2500-$2700.

Blackford proposed contributing money to help Southern IMPACT with its Martin Luther King Day lunch.

"That's something I'd like to see us get involved in," she said.

The Mr./Miss Missouri Southern pageant application deadline will be Jan. 23, and registration will begin after Thanksgiving and will include a small registration fee to help ensure commitment from contestants.

Those interested must be a resident of Missouri or a non-resident enrolled in at least nine hours with at least one prior semester's enrollment.

"The pageant is a go," said Terry Levy, junior criminal justice and pre-law major. "But it's just under Missouri Southern rules for the first year."

Organizers decided to hold off on sanctioning the pageant, since this will be Southern's first pageant and CAB is not sure it wants to sanction the pageant.

The primary reason for sanctioning the pageant is the required swimsuit category.

"We didn't want to force our students into swimsuits," Blackford said.

The category will be replaced by a sportswear category, and it will be held on March 10.

Members suggested events for a warm-up week either the first or second week of classes in January.

The Board will more than likely give away hot chocolate sometime that week.

The planned karaoke night will be Feb. 24, to coincide with Mardi Gras.

Board members also hope it will encourage people to sign up for the talent show, since its registration will end Feb. 27. The talent show itself will be on March 8.

For Safe Spring Break, CAB is planning a game show type event. Blackford said this type of event usually costs $2,500.

The Girl's Night In will be April 15, and it will be open to guys as well. Other proposed spring events include an ultimate Frisbee tournament, a Polaroid scavenger hunt, the pool party and a hidden cash hunt. Blackford said she was pleased with the meeting.

"We really hammered out spring," she said.

The Finding Nemo movie night was canceled due to poor publicity.

"We'll need to plan a family [activity] next semester," Blackford said about canceling the event.

The Board planned a Christmas picture day for 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Dec. 10 in the Lion's Den. Santa Claus will be available to be in the pictures, but students may choose not to include him.

"Students will never get tired of pictures," Levy said. "Because we don't have a yearbook."

The weekly meeting schedule will continue in the spring at 2 p.m. Wednesdays in the student activities office.

Southern's newest theatre production, Deviations deals with tragedy in a Cuban family. Read the story for information.

The Matrix lives up to worldwide expectations

MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor

Everything that has a beginning has an end.

The Matrix: Revolutions is the final installment in the Wachowski brothers' science fiction trilogy.

Revolutions builds on the cliffhanger ending from the last movie, *The Matrix: Reloaded* where the main character and savior of the human race, Neo (Keanu Reeves), goes into a coma.

The suspense builds as the machines bent on destroying the human race drill through the defensive walls of the last human city, Zion, and a battle of Armageddon rages on while Nyobi (Jada Pinkett-Smith) and Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) try to pilot their ship back to Zion in time to save the day, and Neo journeys with Trinity (Carrie Anne-Moss) to the machine city to try and negotiate peace.

The Wachowski brothers go back to their roots and create a movie that more resembles the philosophic original than the action packed sequel. Prepare to have your mind blown again. *Revolutions* does not disappoint.

It ties up most of the loose ends started in the enigmatic original and brings back many of the characters encountered in our five-year trip down the rabbit hole.

Agent Smith is back with a force as his replicated selves go head-to-head with the machines and humans.

The Oracle is back and just as mysterious with a different body and accompanied bodyguard, the equally enigmatic Seraph. The Frenchman and his vampire wife return for a brief appearance in their Sadomasochistic club.

This movie continues the process of humanizing the seemingly mechanical Neo. In *Revolutions* he is not the same invincible machine that we have seen before. Much is lost physically and psychologically by the characters that we have grown to love.

The characters go places emotionally that would have seemed forced in the previous films, but adds a depth that was missing and makes you love them all the more.

The film draws heavily on Eastern mysticism for the prevailing themes and mixes them with Western Judeo-Christian icons. To complete the package, generous doses of Hinduism and Buddhism are thrown in.

Some people found the ending dissatisfying, but only because it goes against the western ideas of closure. Prominent themes of Yin and Yang, the balance of the world and the cyclical nature of life run through the movie.

The film is visually astounding with battle scenes reminiscent of the Apocalypse and heartbreaking as you see familiar faces fall in battle.

Philosophers will leave the theater with a mind full of questions about the meaning of life and reality. The shallow will at least have seen one of the greatest battle scenes in recent film history.

Southern play deviates for Cuba Semester

Patti Richardson/The Chart

Chet Fritz, Joplin, as Don Mariano, and Rachel Weisensee, senior theatre major, as Aurora, perform in Southern's newest production, *Deviations*. The Cuban play runs through Saturday.

BY DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

Missouri Southern's theatre department adds to the Cuba Semester this week with something more than a lecture.

"The purpose of the play is to enhance the Cuba Semester," said Dr. Alex Pinkston, associate professor of theatre.

"Last year, during the India Semester, we approached Southern theatre about doing a play," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute for International Studies. "Of course, we wanted to do it again."

Last spring, Pinkston began reading through a number of Cuban plays.

Initially, Pinkston was looking for a comedy, due to the number of tragic plays on this season's calendar.

"Dr. Pinkston took the ball and ran with it," Stebbins said. "The whole concept fits in beautifully with the Cuban Semester."

He wanted a play written by a noted Cuban playwright that could be done in the black box, with a limited set. *Deviations* , by Julio Matas, fit the bill Pinkston was looking for.

Set in 1920s Cuba on a sugar mill plantation, the story follows the demise of a Cuban family.

Things begin to change when the father hires a mysterious man to come to the plantation for an unknown reason.

Soon after the stranger arrives, he begins to fall in love with the two daughters, one lustful and full of life, the other, virginal and pure. Both daughters are infatuated with the stranger, although they are unaware of his reasons for being there.

"How often do you get to see a Cuban play?"

Dr. Chad Stebbins
Director of the Institute of International Studies

The actors involved in the play encompass a variety of ages from traditional college-age students to a 60-year-old.

The play is funded by the Institute of International Studies because it is an addition to the theatre's fall semester calendar.

The play is suggested for mature audiences, for ages 13 and up. Ages 5 and under will not be admitted. *Deviations* runs through Saturday. Tickets are free to students and are available at the box office.

"It's something for the campus and the community to see," Stebbins said. "How often do you get the chance to see a Cuban play?"

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.

14 *Looney Tunes: Back in Action*, *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World* and *Tupac: Resurrection* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Sound and the Fury concert @ 10 p.m.
@ The Green Room.

The Manbas @ 9:30 p.m.
@ Murphys Irish Pub.

Live Jazz @ 6 p.m.
@ Springfield Brewing Company.

B.B. King @ 7 p.m.
@ Ameristar Hotel & Casino in Kansas City.

15 Glory Days "Live Music Cafe"
@ 8 p.m
@ Glory Days Music.

Brutally Frank concert @ 10 p.m.
@ The Green Room.

Vendetta Red, Armor For Sleep and Christiansen concert
@ 7 p.m. @ Foxtown City Limits.

16 Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
@ Murphy's Irish Pub.

17 BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

SMSU Jazz Band concert
@ 7:30 p.m. in Springfield.

18 BSU Lunch-n-Counter @ Noon.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m.
second floor BSC.

"Bowfire" violin virtuosos concert @ 7:30 p.m.
@ SMSU in Springfield.

John and Marcus from Speakeasy and John "The Boat" Anderson performance @ 10 p.m.
@ The Bar Next Door in Springfield.

19 Karaoke
and all-you-can-eat Tacos
@ 8 p.m. @ J-Town

Karaoke @ 10 p.m.
@ The Green Room.

Richard Roberts Jazz Classics @ 6 p.m.
@ Fusion Bistro.

Dance night with DJ Imperial and Vinyl Richie
@ 9 p.m.
@ The Outland Ballroom in Springfield.

20 Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m.
@ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ
@ 7:30 p.m.
@ the Student Life Center.

"Poetry Blowetry" open mic poetry featuring Roger Wissbaum @ 7:35 p.m. @ Well Fed Head Books in Springfield.

Useless Information:

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"Weird" Al Yankovic received a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1981.

The oldest business in the United States of America is the cymbal company Zildjian which was founded in Constantinople in 1623.

There are approximately 10 million bricks in the Empire State Building.

From space, the brightest man-made place is Las Vegas, Nevada.

The five most stolen items in a drugstore are batteries, cosmetics, film, sunglasses and Preparation-H. Apparently people are just too embarrassed to buy the last item.

A South Korean movie theater owner decided that the movie *The Sound of Music* was too long. His solution? He shortened the movie by cutting out all of the musical scenes.

Marijuana was not illegal in the United States until Oct. 1, 1937, when congress passed the "Marijuana Tax Act." It only debated for 90 seconds.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Recycling Center marks day with tire collection

Saturday marks the seventh annual America Recycles Day. Missouri Recycles day is held along with the national event.

In celebration, the City of Joplin Recycling Department will be collecting used tires.

Whole tires are banned from landfills in Missouri and Kansas and are not picked up by trash collectors.

Tires will be collected by the city from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Automotive tires only will be accepted at the collection point. Tires will be accepted at the Joplin Area Recycling Center.

For information, persons may call 624-0820 ext. 501.

Joplin Senator chairs new oversight committee

Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) has been appointed to the General Assembly's Committee on Transportation Oversight.

The committee is a panel of Senate and House members established by legislation adopted earlier this year.

The panel is charged with recommending ways in which the Missouri Department of Transportation can improve its level of services.

St. John's clinic offers depression screenings

St. John's Regional Medical Center will offer area residents the opportunity to learn about the signs and symptoms of depression through a free screening on Nov. 18.

A statement released by the hospital indicated depression strikes more than 17 million Americans each year.

Fewer than half of those affected seek treatment, though 80 percent of cases can be treated.

The free screening will be held by appointment.

For information, or to schedule an appointment, persons may call 625-2312.

Supreme Court Bound

Judge finds law invalid, state appeals

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
City Editor

Nate Billings and Jonathan BeVille/The Chart

Advocates of Missouri's new concealed weapons law were dealt a loss Nov. 7 as circuit court judge Steven Ohmer ruled making a temporary injunction against the measure permanent.

Ohmer found the law violates Article I, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution.

The Constitution of Missouri provides citizens with the right to bear arms, but stipulates the right "shall not justify the wearing of concealed weapons."

The ruling clears the way for the bill's supporters and detractors to make their case before the Missouri Supreme Court.

Officials at the court said they received notice of appeal filed by the Attorney General's office Nov. 10 in circuit court in St. Louis. Later that day, the Attorney General's office filed paperwork requesting hearings on the law be put on a fast track.

"Without really making comment on what our arguments will be, I think both sides agree that this is a question that will ultimately be decided by the Missouri Supreme Court," said Scott Holste, a spokesman for the Attorney General.

With a large showing of bipartisan support, the Missouri state legislature overturned Gov. Bob Holden's veto of the law this summer. On Oct. 10, one day before the law was to take effect, Ohmer responded to a lawsuit filed by Alvin Brooks, the mayor pro tem of Kansas City, and nine other individuals, by placing a temporary injunction against the law, preventing it from taking effect.

Brooks said Ohmer's ruling was a victory for the people of Missouri.

"They are a little safer now," Brooks said, "and I am optimistic that the Supreme Court will uphold Ohmer's decision that the law is unconstitutional."

The Attorney General's offices, however, is steadfast in its support for the measure.

"We believe the plaintiffs are interpreting that section of the constitution incorrectly," Holste said.

Brooks said the meaning of the constitution is perfectly clear in this case.

"I've taken it places, and folks will say it means we cannot carry a weapon," he said. "I don't know how you can make anything else out of it. I've talked to 70-80 people, liberal and conservative, who don't believe it will withstand judicial scrutiny."

Beyond the issue of this case in particular, Brooks said the people of Missouri have made it clear that they do not want this law.

He said similar measures were voted down in 1945 and in 1999 through Proposition B, as well as in the original constitution of the state.

Brooks said he has talked to members of the black and Hispanic communities in St. Louis and Kansas City, groups statistically effected by the highest number of violent crimes, and said they are not in favor of the law.

"Persons in Missouri don't need concealed weapons," Brooks said.

No date has been set for the Supreme Court to hear the case.

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

New gun laws prompt debate, raise questions

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
City Editor

Private citizens, activist organizations and college campuses have all joined the debate over the extent to which the Second Amendment provides one with the right to bear arms.

"In general, the issue as we see it is introducing more weapons into our communities," said Chris McGrath, executive director of Handgun Free America in Arlington, Va.

In the past 10 days, both Missouri and Wisconsin have experienced major developments in legislation granting concealed weapons permits to individuals who pass a safety course.

Wisconsin passed concealed weapon's legislation Nov. 6, ending a 133-year ban in the state as the state assembly voted 64-35 approving it.

Andrew Bloeser, news editor of *The Pointer* at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, said Gov. Jim Doyle (D) has threatened to veto the bill. The vote in the state assembly was two votes shy of the 66 votes needed to override the governor's veto.

In Missouri, conservative activist groups such as Dixon-based Missouri First have called for Judge Steven Ohmer's impeachment on the grounds of judicial activism.

Ohmer, a circuit court judge, ruled on an injunction, barring the law from taking effect.

McGrath said many of the arguments used by supporters of concealed weapons laws base their arguments on safety and reducing crime.

A report issued by the Cato Institute in 2000 presented evidence supporting a reduction in crime due to a concealed weapons law on the books.

The report claims that "of the 31 states that have 'shall issue' laws allowing private citizens to carry concealed weapons, on average, a 24 percent lower violent crime rate."

McGrath said while instances of violent crime may have declined in those states, a report by the Violence Policy Center found larger percentage decreases in states without "shall issue" laws.

"It's hard to tie any one issue to reducing crime, gun crime in particular," he said.

New pizza restaurant serves Joplin residents on the move

BY ARON CROUSE
Staff Writer

Papa Murphy's brings a different and fresh look to the pizza business in Joplin.

"We offer a premium product at a lower cost," said Charlie Marshall, owner.

Papa Murphy's opened Aug. 19 and is located at 2640 East 32nd street.

"This seems to be a new spot for businesses," he said.

Marshall chose the area because it is less congested and is easier to drive to than businesses on Range Line.

"Their pizza is very good and very filling," said Vera Ellison, a sales associate at Freestyle Sportswear. "I liked having it fresh."

She said she liked the fact that Papa Murphy's vegetables and salads are fresh everyday.

Papa Murphy's makes a take home and bake-it-yourself style pizza. Customers pick out the exact toppings they want and watch as their pizza is made in front of them.

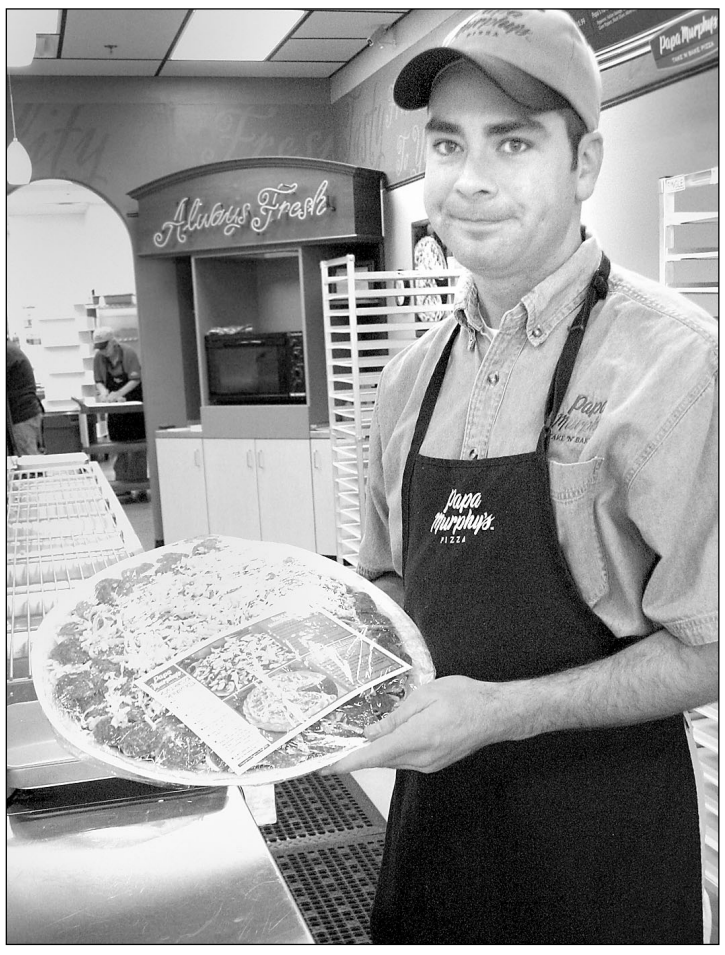
Papa Murphy's pizza is a Chicago-style, stuffed pizza that weighs more than five pounds. They also sell fresh spinach salads, and take home and bake cookie dough.

"I think our quality is a lot higher than other pizza restaurants," Marshall said.

He said prices range from $4.99 to $12.99.

Papa Murphy's dough is made in the restaurant daily, and they also offer the customer the choice of when they want to bake their pizza, instead of letting it get cold.

Papa Murphy's originally started as two different restaurants.



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Charlie Marshall, manager of Papa Murphy's (Take N' Bake) makes a pepperoni pizza at the new store on East 32nd Street.

Papa Aldo's opened in 1981 in Hillsboro, Ore. Murphy's Pizza was founded in 1984.

Terry Collins purchased both restaurants and in 1995 the two restaurants were merged to form Papa Murphy's. Today Papa Murphy's is the largest Take 'N' Bake pizza company in the world.

There are more than 750 Papa Murphy's restaurants in 22 states. According to Papa Murphy's International in 2002, company sales totaled $332 million.

Marshall said business is really taking off. Papa Murphy's held off on advertising when the restaurant first opened to get employees trained. Most customers heard of the restaurant by word-of-mouth.

Now that Marshall is advertising business has increased.

"There are a lot of nice people that work here," said Rebecca Aldridge, employee. "The pizza and the atmosphere come as a whole package."

"I'm ready to open another restaurant here in Joplin," Marshall said.

Papa Murphy's may eventually open restaurants in Neosho, Carthage and Pittsburg.

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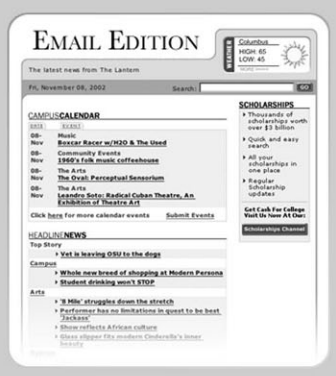

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Academics Anonymous provides discussions, friends, various foods

By Mandi Steele
Managing Editor

Discussing intellectual topics and tasting different dishes, Academics Anonymous meetings are a way for students, faculty and staff to get together outside of class.

Sigma Tau Delta sponsors AA, which meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month on the third floor of Hearnes Hall.

Dr. Doris Walters, professor of English, said usually 20-40 people show up for the meetings. Most of the speakers that talk during the meetings are English instructors, but Walters said AA will sometimes have instructors from other departments speak or people from the community.

"We're always open for new ideas of people who want to speak," said Susan Courtney, senior English education major and member of Sigma Tau Delta.

Mostly English majors attend AA, but anyone is invited.

"It's for anyone who wants to come," Courtney said. "It's a way of getting all English majors and also other people together."

Food is served at every meeting.

"We try and tie the food into whatever we talk about," Courtney said.

An example was when AA had an instructor give a lecture about India and an Indian dish was served. Courtney said AA plans to have hot dogs and other "kid food" at an upcoming meeting when the director of the local Children's Miracle Network comes to speak.

Walters said it also gives the students a chance to present something to others at AA that they've written for publication.

Courtney said works, which have been submitted to the Sigma Tau Delta International Convention, like poetry, have been read at the meetings, too.

If visitors to AA bring their own food, there is no charge to go to an AA meeting. A $2 charge that goes toward Sigma's annual trip to the international convention is asked of anyone who doesn't bring his or her own food.

For information on AA meetings call Walters at 625-9644.

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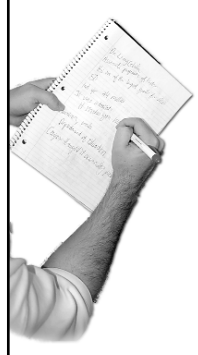

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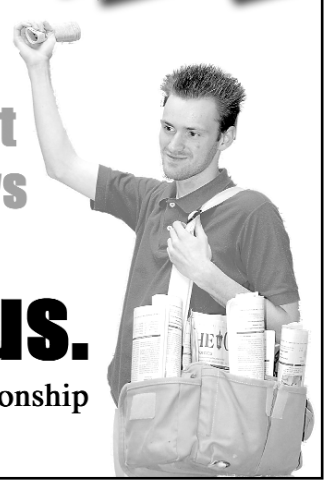

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University. Nominations may be completed by students, faculty and alumni.

Winners are selected through a six-person committee, which is made up of past recipients.

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Dr. Kexi Liu, associate music professor, received the honor last year.

"It was a big honor for me," Liu said. "It's encouragement from students, the University and the administration."

Liu has taught at Southern for 13 years. Although he was surprised to receive the honor, he said he might have received the honor due to his commitment to students.

"I'm always prepared for class, and I try to communicate with students who need extra help," Liu said.

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RETENTION:

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re-enroll in classes. He thinks his department is doing well with retention.

"When you look at our retention rates from one semester to the next, they're typically better than the college average," Oakes said.

Dr. Gwen Murdock, department head of psychology, said the psychology department does its best to make the freshman year as positive as possible.

"We have to do a good job ourselves in the classroom," Murdock said.

Sometimes an upper division student will help out with lower division students in the classroom and after class. Murdock said this gives the students an extra person to turn to for help.

"It also provides a model who's interested in the material," she said.

The psychology department also has a party at the beginning of the spring semester to provide an opportunity for freshmen to meet other psychology majors and faculty.

"We try to keep track of our advisees by e-mail," said Dr. Blake Wolf, department head of the criminal justice department.

He said when a student hasn't pre-enrolled or is having trouble academically, advisers will try to contact them by e-mail or counsel with them one-on-one.

"Those are the main efforts," Wolf said.

GREEN:

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up with some reasons why students might hesitate joining Gang Green at the sports games.

"I love the suggestions, because I love to get involved," Thomas said. "I think that a lot of people don't attend, because sometimes they don't think it is going to be a lot of fun. They say it's a school-sponsored event and they are like 'We can't really have fun there.'"

At the last football game, only one Gang Green member was there cheering for the team.

Griffin hopes for a better attendance in the basketball season.

"In basketball, they will catch on a lot better than in football," Griffin said. "They usually cheer more. Basketball is faster paced, and the team is better."

Expectations for the basketball season are high. For that reason, other sports often are out of focus.

"The attendance has fallen off, and there were several factors," Blackford said. "One being the team struggling, which is no secret. The weather has kind of been going downhill, and the semester is in full force.

"There are several odds against us."

There are also personal reasons for the low turnout this season.

"Most of the people in Gang Green are involved in several other organizations," Blackford said. "Several hold leadership positions in those organizations. Students are getting burned out like they signed up for too much. We have a lot of non-traditional students also. So, there are a lot of factors contributing to the downfall."

That is why Gang Green looks forward to the basketball season.

"Coach (Robert) Corn has been very supportive and helped us out," Blackford said. "We are trying to get them excited about basketball, so we'll see how that goes."

Gang Green has been criticized for not attending every game. Blackford thinks people realize there is an obvious lack of school spirit but do not attempt to change anything.

"A lot of people talked about it, and we put the effort in it and do it," Blackford said. "Gang Green are the ones who put the effort in, and they are getting criticized for that. It's kind of bad taste. Even though things are falling off, Gang Green has been successful, and I really think in the basketball season it will continue to be successful and a kind of restart."

BUSINESSES:

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your company name out there, telling us where to go to submit a bid ourselves," said Robin Psajdi, Mid-America Precision

The government accepts job bids from smaller businesses like Mid-America Precision and Brunner Fabrication that have an opportunity to get their hands on some of the government money available through bids.

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SECURITY:

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congregate for events.

"We're not just concerned about students and faculty and staff," Kennedy said.

Terry Hylton, office manager, said the upgrades in the department have been a benefit to the University.

He thinks that even though the officers have more responsibilities on their shoulders, they like the change.

"They know it's worthwhile," he said.

Richard Needham, sophomore elementary education major, said he appreciates the changes in the department. He is glad the department can do more.

"Before, they didn't have these responsibilities so they didn't know what to do," Needham said. "Now they don't have to call in outside help or anything as much."

The changes were implemented because Kennedy wanted to have the department on the same level as other universities.

Also changed were the prices of traffic tickets.

Kennedy said the prices were changed because they had not been changed in more than five years.

"They were very small increases," he said. "They are still substantially below what most other universities are."

Other possible changes in the future of the department are to make it an actual law enforcement body. Kennedy said that is still being worked on though, and he does not know when it will happen.

"Those things are still down the road a ways," he said.

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Senior defensive back Ryan Burpo attempts to strip the ball away from Emporia State University running back Paul Tyler during the Nov. 8 game. The last game of the season for the Lions will be 1 p.m. Saturday in Topeka against Washburn University.

Lions lose last home game

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff writer

When the Missouri Southern Lions travel Saturday to Topeka, they will be looking to snap a seven-game losing streak that was extended with losses to Southwest Baptist University and Emporia State University.

The Lions fell to the Bearcats, 28-6, on Nov. 1. The Lions jumped out to an early 6-0 lead on a one-yard touchdown run by quarterback Kokain Mothershed.

Two passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown by Bearcats' quarterback Robert Clardy would give SBU the win.

Against the ESU Hornets, the Lions again jumped out to an early lead on a 77-yard interception return by junior cornerback Robert Spinks.

"It's a little bit of luck and a little bit of skill," Spinks said.

The Lions would go into the locker room down by two touchdowns and would hold the Hornets scoreless in the fourth quarter, but fell 31-7.

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> *Junior Wide Receiver*

In the game, the Lions held the MIAA's leading rusher, senior running back Tyler Paul, to 113 yards rushing on 33 carries for a 3.4 yard per carry average.

"I felt like our defense played extremely well," said Rob Green, Lions assistant head coach. "I am very proud of the way that our defense played, and if they continue to play like that, then we will have a chance to get a win against Washburn."

"I think that our defense is really coming along," said Mark Smith, defensive coordinator. "The bad thing is that it is getting late in the year."

Defensively, the Ichabods remind the Lions of another foe that they faced this season.

"Washburn is kind of like Pitt State," Green said. "They run a lot of the exact same defenses as Pitt State"

The Lions are hoping Saturday's game will be a statement game for them, and that it will give them something that they can carry over into next season.

"This is our seniors last week," Spinks said. "And I just want to get a win for them, and I think that a win would get things going for those who aren't seniors."

"A win would be big for us going into the off season," said DeMarcus Mathes, junior wide receiver.

Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in Topeka.

Central outlasts Southern on court

BY TARA WALKER
Staff Writer

Although the Lions lost an exhausting fight against the Jennies, they still managed to claw their way to 8th in the region and 6th in conference.

The Missouri Southern volleyball team played Central Missouri State University Nov. 11 in their first game of the MIAA Tournament.

"It was a contest you hate to lose, but you feel good about your effort and persistence in playing all the time," said Debbie Traywick, head volleyball coach.

With game scores of 28-30, 30-28, 18-30, 30-27, and 11-15, the Lions ended their 2003 volleyball season.

"Although we lost, we played extremely well," Traywick said. "A lot better than last time."

Traywick said the team had struggled with passing and blocking during their last game against CMSU.

Southern played CMSU previously on Nov. 6 and lost with game scores of 24-30, 23-30, and 19-30.

Southern also played Drury University during the week before the MIAA Tournament on Nov. 4 and lost with game scores of 30-23, 23-30, 24-30, and 28-30.

"We really struggled defensively," Traywick said.

The team ended the season with an overall record of 17-13 and a conference record of 8-8.

Lions 2

Jennies 3

The team will be losing six seniors this year. Seniors outside hitter Amy Little; libero Jessica Rinehart; outside hitter Jessie Puszewski; setter Kym Mutert, who broke the career record for most assists at Southern and was named a MIAA Player of the Week, middle hitter Lindsey Mason, who broke the career record for most assists at Southern and middle hitter Jennifer Ford.

Although a couple of players made individual accomplishments this season, Mason said the team worked together this year and "gave 100 percent all out effort."

She said they had a really great team that supported each other and were always there for each other.

"It was a very supportive atmosphere. We worked hard for each other to be successful," Mason said.

Mutert said this year was definitely a highlight for her.

"I got to play with all my friends and make some personal accomplishments," she said.

Mutert said this year was also the best fan support the team has seen in the four years she has played.

"We all really appreciated it," she said.

"Overall, when we look back there are definitely some things we can be proud of," Traywick said.

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LION STATS

Cross Country

Nov. 8 Results

Men's

Teams	Score
1. ACU	26
2. TSU	69
3. CMSU	115
4. MSSU	**118**
5. NWMSU	149

Women's

Teams	Score
1. PSU	50
2. MSSU	**78**
3. ACU	96
4. TSU	107
5. CMSU	131

Football

Oct. 25 Results

ESU	7	14	10	0	— 31
MSSU	7	0	0	0	— 7

First Quarter

MSSU — Spinks 77 yd. interception return (Komen kick), 5:20.
ESU — Paul 1 yd run (Gray kick), 3:18

Second Quarter

ESU — Paul 1 yd run (Gray kick), 13:16. ESU — Day 2 yd pass from Hatfield (Gray kick), 00:19.

Third Quarter

ESU — Paul 1 yd run (Gray kick), 11:57. ESU — Gray 26 yd field goal, 1:59.

Volleyball

Nov. 11 Results

MSSU	28	30	18	30	11
CMSU	30	28	30	27	15

Men's Basketball

Nov. 7 Results

Exhibition

Livin' the Dream (73)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Mann	3-4	2-2	8
Gillispie	4-8	2-3	10
Murdock	1-5	3-6	5
Stanley	6-7	0-1	12
Salmon	2-5	2-4	6
Markos	5-5	0-0	10
Arnett	1-8	1-3	3
Roberts	3-5	0-0	7
Khoury	1-4	2-2	5
Barnes	3-8	0-0	7
Johnson	0-4	0-0	0
Rainey	0-5	0-0	0

MSSU (79)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Cavness	5-9	5-7	16
Rose	6-9	0-0	12
Redmond	0-3	5-8	5
Watts	3-8	1-2	8
Ocasio	2-5	0-1	5
Jones	0-2	0-0	0
Sherrel	3-5	0-0	8
Aponte	2-5	0-0	4
Engelken	5-9	0-0	13
Jones	1-2	3-4	5
Collazo	1-2	1-2	3

Livin' the Dream	37	36	— 73
MSSU	36	43	— 79

Midnight Miracle

Team fulfills goal of berth in nationals

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

Just as Cinderella found her Prince Charming, the Missouri Southern women's cross country team found its stride and its first trip to the national championship meet.

Patty Vavra, head coach, said at the beginning of the season the team set the goal of going to the national meet and thought it was a "pretty lofty goal."

The NCAA Division II Championships will be held Nov. 22 in Raleigh, N.C.

"They have a lot to be proud of and rightfully so, they've had a great season — really a Cinderella season," Vavra said. "A bunch of young ladies that came into the season we didn't expect to have the great finish to the year we're having right now. We came from a point in time were we thought this is somewhat of a pretty lofty goal to this is a real possibility that we can achieve."

Southern has never had a women's cross country team go to the national competition. It has had individuals go in the past, the most recent was in 1998 with Sonia Eudy.

On Nov. 8, the cross country team placed second behind Pittsburg State University with 70 points. PSU finished the race with 58 points. Missouri Southern had three individuals who received All-Regional honors. These racers include: senior Jen Noelken (with a time of 22:05.10), junior Ashley Caffey (22:21.25) and sophomore Megan Russell (23:00.57).

"What has been done so well (this season) is sometimes very difficult to do," Vavra said. "They have been very unselfish, and they have figured out what each one of their roles are. They have been happy to fill that role week-in and week-out."

She said as the season progressed she stopped thinking that a trip to nationals was no longer a lofty goal, but one that could be reached. Noelken said she is still in shock after placing second in the regional meet.

"It's exciting (placing second in regionals), it's hard to put in words," Noelken said. "We've been working on it all season."

The team has two weeks off before the meet.

"We're trying to go in there and let whatever happens happen," Noelken said.

Vavra said she believes the placing was a moral booster for the team.

"Sometimes at the end of the season you wonder if they have one more race in their legs," she said. "I've asked that question to myself about them from the stampede in. They made a believer out of me, I would definitely say that they would have one more race and they would find a way to get it done."

File Photo

Senior Rachel McGowan will be competing with the rest of the women's cross country team at the NCAA Division II National Championships Nov. 21. This is the first time the team will compete at nationals.

Soccer team says goodbye to seniors

BY MELISSA BLANCHARD
Staff Writer

Missouri Southern gives a bittersweet farewell to all nine of their women senior soccer players.

Four-year goalie Kim Bossen, is the career leader in saves with 219. Beth Cammilletti has played in 53 matches for the lions.

Stephanie Doerr has started all four years for Southern's defense, playing in 64 games.

"Overall, what matters is team unity and spirit, and we really accomplished that this year," Doerr said.

Jennifer Griest played 11 games this year as goalie and midfielder. Sandy Hicks has played 56 games in her five years at Southern. Melissa Husby played 64 defensive games for the Lions.

Jessie Noid, team captain, played defense for a record 71 games for the Lions. Amber Phipps saw action in 52 games as a midfielder.

"I'm really going to miss it, this town and my teammates," Phipps said.

"I know no matter what happens in life, I can turn back and they will always be there for me. That's the true essence of what a team is."

File Photo

Senior defender Jessie Noid is one of nine women's soccer seniors that will not be returning next season.

With a new coach and a new style of winning, the 2003 soccer season has been one of new beginnings.

"We got a new coach and he did awesome," Phipps said. "I'd do anything for another year of eligibility under him (head women's soccer coach Trevor Wachsman). I truly believe next year will be a break out year for Missouri Southern."

These nine seniors aren't just teammates, they've got something more.

"There's definitely a connection, because we've been through the whole coaching change," Doerr said. "I can honestly say walking away from this I will definitely keep in touch with a lot of these girls."

Men's cross country overcomes sickness, injury to place fourth

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

The number four is the men's cross country team's lucky number.

After winning a fourth straight conference championship, the team will make its fourth straight showing at the national competition. The Lions placed fourth at the NCAA Division II South Central Regional meet Nov. 8 held at Commerce, Texas. Central Missouri State University and Truman State University both placed above Southern at second and third respectively.

Junior Craig Rhodes said the team's No. 1 runner, senior Magnus Holmstrom, was sick with the flu and he ran as the teams No. 3 runner.

"All we needed was fourth and we did it," Rhodes said.

Head coach Tom Rutledge said the Lions had their best run Nov. 5 and on the next day Holmstrom came in sick with the flu. Rutledge sent him to the doctor and made him rest for a day.

On Nov. 7 the team left for the meet. Holmstrom placed 21st at the meet, below his 13th-place average.

"Everybody's been sick with the flu before," Rutledge said.

"To have a young man even race took a lot of courage. We pounded him with water and a lot of people wouldn't have done that. A lot of people would have said 'I'm too sick to race, I just can't do it.' He knew there was more at stake than just him racing."

He said to race with the flu took a lot of courage and Holmstrom did it because he was the team captain and he knew the team depended on him to lead them.

"When you're throwing up at one end and having the other problem at the other end, ... you

"He knew there was more at stake than just him racing. I'm proud of him, by God I love that guy."

Tom Rutledge
Head Men's Cross Country Coach

ache and then you go out 6.2 miles and compete, that had to be torture," Rutledge said. "I'm proud of him, by God I love that guy."

Rhodes, who was suffering from an injured knee when he placed 17th with a time of 32:18.30, said "as long as we get him (Holmstrom) healthy and work hard these couple of weeks," then the team should finish in the top eight.

The Lions are currently ranked 17th in the nation.

"Right now were pulling back, I've got to get Craig Rhodes' knee a little bit better and stronger," Rutledge said. "It's been a hard year, these guys have paid a price. Unfortunately, every race has been tough. I do know this; having all those races at Oklahoma State and running against the University of Arkansas and running against Division I national powers week-in and week-out has made these guys mentally and physically tough. That is the reason we're where we're at right now, because they had to race against those people early in the year and during the season. It just made them tougher and tougher and tougher. Hopefully we can get in the top 10; hopefully even more we can get in the top eight. No matter what the outcome, these guys have done a great job."